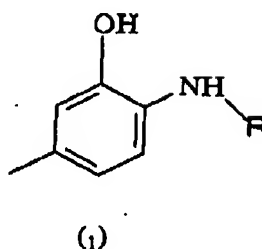


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THE CLAIMS

1. (amended) A compound of formula (1):



wherein R is selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₃ ~~alkyl~~ or hydroxyalkyl, a C₃ to C₆ cyclic ring containing hetero atoms selected from O, S and N atoms, and -CH₂-Ar where Ar is an aromatic ring wherein the aromatic ring may be substituted with one or two hydroxy, C₁ to C₃ alkoxy, or amino groups.

2. (amended) A compound of Claim 1 wherein R is selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₃ ~~alkyl~~, benzyl, thiophen-ylmethyl, and pyrrolylmethyl.
3. (original) A compound of Claim 2 wherein R is benzyl.
4. (original) A compound of Claim 2 wherein R is thiophen-ylmethyl.
5. (original) A compound of Claim 3 wherein R is pyrrolylmethyl.
6. (deleted) A ~~compound of Claim 2 wherein R is isopropyl.~~